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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. MADANI ALAKI, CHAIRMAN OF CONSTITUENT
COMMITTEE OF THE SAUDI TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

1. SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE NO. 28/3/1/10430/2,
DATED 5/23/75, INFORMED THE EMBASSY OF THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF THE SAUDI TRANSPORT COMPANY (STC). THE NOTE
REQUESTED ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE BE GIVEN TO DR.
MADANI ALAKI WHO WAS CHOSEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CON-
STITUENT COMMITTEE FOR STC.

2. THE STC WAS ESTABLISHED TO COPE WITH TRANSPORTATION
PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE ANNUAL INFLUX OF HAJJ PILGRIMS
INTO SAUDI ARABIA. THE STC WILL BE JOINTLY OWNED BY
THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT (30 PERCENT) AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR
(70 PERCENT). THE BOARD OF THE STC HAS DECIDED THAT THE
COMPANY MUST PURCHASE 2000 BUSES TO ALLEVIATE THE CONGESTION
CAUSED BY THE MOVEMENT OF OVER ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION
PILGRIMS FROM JIDDA TO MECCA AND MEDINA.

3. A FOUR-MAN TEAM, HEADED BY DR. ALAKI, WILL VISIT
JAPAN, EUROPE AND THE U.S. TO STUDY THE OPERATIONAL
ASPECTS OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN THOSE COUNTRIES
AND WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AN AGREEMENT WITH A
SUITABLE SUPPLIER FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2000 BUSES.

4. THE TEAM WILL DEPART FOR JAPAN ON JUNE 17, 1975,
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AND PLANS TO ARRIVE LOS ANGELES AT 1720 ON JUNE 28,
ABOARD PAN AM 812. SCHEDULE CALLS FOR 12-DAY TOUR OF

THE U.S. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS ARE BEING ARRANGED
BY WARD INDUSTRIES OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS. ITINERARY IS
AS FOLLOWS:

30 JUNE MEET WITH LOS ANGELES TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

1 JULY MEET WITH LOS VEGAS TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

2 JULY VISIT GREYHOUND, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

3 JULY VISIT INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

4 JULY RECEPTION HOSTED BY WARD INDUSTRIES IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

5 JULY MEET BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TOUR ASSEMBLY PLANT OF WARD
INDUSTRIES

7 JULY VISIT GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, DETROIT

8 JULY VISIT NEW CITY TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY

9 JULY MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

5. DR. ALAKI HAS ASKED EMBASSY CONTACT U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION TO REQUEST MEETING WITH COMPETENT
OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. MORNING JULY 9, 1975.
EMBASSY HAS INSTRUCTED DR. ALAKI TO TELEPHONE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REGIONAL OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES
TO OBTAIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REACTION TO
REQUEST FOR MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS
THAT USDOC REGIONAL OFFICE MEET AND ASSIST DR. ALAKI IN
LOS ANGELES. TEAM INTENDS DEPART NEW YORK FOR LONDON
1900 HOURS, JULY 9, 1975.

6. ACTION REQUIRED: EMBASSY ASKS THAT USDOC OR DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION RESPOND TO DR. ALAKI'S MEETING REQUEST
FOR JULY 9, 1975.

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